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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 1 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HOULAHAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC,

January 21, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISSY HOULAHAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, who abides above us and within us, be present among us this day. You who are in Your Heavens, look down upon us and grant us Your peace.

We pray Your mercy in the forgiveness of our trespasses.

You are the mighty one who will save us. Would that You rejoice in us, that what we do would bring You gladness. Find reason to exalt over us that our devotion would bring You joy.

Show us Your favor in all our endeavors, that You would be glorified.

To be near You is our desire this day, for You alone are the source of our life and in You do we find strength and hope.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, January 20, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 20, 2022, at 4:58 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28. Appointments:

Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States

United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission

People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board

With best wishes, I am, Sincerely.

LISA P. GRANT,

Deputy Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 10 a.m.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Member executed the oath for access to classified information:

Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3240. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Government Participation in the Automated Clearing House [Docket No.: FISCAL-2021-0002] (RIN: 1530-AA26) received January 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec.

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3241. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's statement of policy — Statement on Resolution Plans for Insured Depository Institutions received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3242. A letter from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls — Petition for Reconsideration and Request for Clarification of USTelecom — The Broadband Association [CG Docket No.: 17-59] received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3243. A letter from the Agency Representative, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule correction — Electronic Submission of a Sequence Listing, A Large Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix in Patent Applications [Docket No.: PTO-P-2020-0032] (RIN: 0651-AD48) received January 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3244. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Security Bars and Processing; Delay of Effective Date [A.G. Order No.: 5283-2021] (RIN: 1125-AB08) received January 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3245. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 1.80(b) of the Commission's Rules Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties to Reflect Inflation received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judicians.

EC-3246. A letter from the Director, General Counsel and Legal Policy Division, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule — 2022 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Ethics in Government Act Violations (RIN: 3209-AA60) received January 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-324T. A letter from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Petition for Rulemaking—Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Exemption for Emergency Temporary Trackage Rights [Docket No.: EP 282 (Sub-No. 21)] received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows: Mr. MEEKS: Committee on Foreign Affairs. H.R. 3485. A bill to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for violations of internationally recognized human rights against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) individuals, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117–224, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 5683. A bill to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the borders of the United States, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 117–232). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 5633. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance transparency regarding reports conducted by the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117–233). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3485 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILLS

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3076. Referral to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than March 18, 2022.

H.R. 4374. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than March 18, 2022.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MAST, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 6467. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the project selection criteria for grants under the port and intermodal improvement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 6468. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to establish a program of entering into partnerships with eligible domestic manufacturers to ensure the availability of qualified personal protective equipment to prepare for and respond to national health or other emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER:

H.R. 6469. A bill to authorize grants for States and units of local government to reverse law enforcement efforts that have been restricted, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. Allred, Mr. Bera, Mr. Cicilline, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Deutch, Mr. Horsford, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Keating, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Slotkin, Ms. Spanberger, and Ms. Titus):

H.R. 6470. A bill to counter the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and Eastern European allies, to expedite security assistance to Ukraine to bolster Ukraine's defense capabilities, and to impose sanctions relating to the actions of the Russian Federation with respect to Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOONEY (for himself, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bilrakis, Mr. Budd, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mrs. Miller of Illinois, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Williams of Texas, Mr. McKinley, Mrs. Boebert, Mr. Lamborn, Mrs. Miller-Meeks, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, Mr. Bost, Mr. Norman, Mr. Waltz, Mr. Mann, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Hice of Georgia, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Luetkemeyer, Mr. Cline, Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosendale, Mr. Mast, and Mr. Weber of Texas):

H.R. 6471. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit treatment of certain distributions and reimbursements for certain abortions as qualified medical expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MORELLE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHBACH, and Mr. BACON):

FISCHBACH, and Mr. BACON): H.R. 6472. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for video teleconferencing for certain criminal proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana):

H.R. 6473. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish the number of known or suspected terrorists encountered attempting to enter the United States on a monthly basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 6474. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to raise the limit on contributions to health savings accounts, to remove the requirement to maintain high deductible coverage with respect to such accounts, to include drugs and medicine as qualified medical expenses for the purposes of such accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers